

THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The indication by the examiner that the requirement for restriction is deemed to be proper and has been made final is acknowledged by the applicant. Accordingly, all claims not pertaining to Group I are being canceled from this application without prejudice. The applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to have these claims examined.

REMARKS

THE PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 15-31 were pending in the present application, and claims 15-26, 28 and 30 canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Accordingly claims 27 and 29 remain pending, which claims have been allowed.

THE INTERVIEW

The examiner is thanked for a most cordial telephonic interview held on January 31, 2005. Prior to the interview the applicant's attorney had faxed a set of proposed claims to the examiner⁴, which were discussed at the time. The examiner indicated that most likely claims that were made to depend from claim 27 would be allowable, although she would have to update the search but claims corresponding to non-elected groups would not. In order to expedite the allowance of this application the applicant has elected not to present dependant claims other than claim 29, which had

already been found allowable. The following remarks contain the substance of the arguments exchanged during the interview, and an expansion thereof.

THE SEQUENCE CORRECTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required that the Sequence Listing be corrected to comply with 37 CFR 1.821 (a) (1) and (a)(2), and through 1.825.

The applicant is submitting a Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable forms herewith, which is believed to be in compliance with the Rules. Entry of this document is requested.

THE CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 15-19 have been objected to as being drawn in part to a non-elected invention.

Claims 15-19 have been canceled, thereby rendering this objection moot.

THE IMPROPER DEPENDENCY OBJECTION

Claims 15-19 stand rejected under 37 CFR 1.75©, as being in improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of the previous claim.

Claims 15-19 have been canceled. This objection is thus moot.

THE NEW MATTER OBJECTION

The amendments to the claims made on June 24, 2005 stand objected to, as intruding new matter.

Claims 15-26, 28 and 30 have been canceled, therefore only claims 27 and 29 remain pending in this application. These claims are believed to be free from this objection.

THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION REJECTION

Claims 15-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 1.112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 15-19 have been canceled, which renders this rejection moot.

THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Should any issue remaining unattended upon the examiner's review of this response, she is requested to contact the applicant's attorney to resolve it, and expedite the passing of this case for allowance.

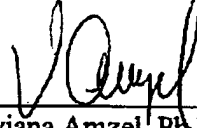
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks and the examiner's prior indication that claims 27 and 29 are allowed, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is hereby solicited by the applicant.

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